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Interpretation of ADR

Implementation of 8.2.2.7.1.6 of ADR - possibility of introducing a distance form of the examination

Transmitted by the Government of the Russian Federation[1]

Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 8.2.2.7.1.6, the examination is conducted either in the form of a written examination or a combination of a written and oral examination. There is no clear understanding of what is meant by a written examination. We have been informed that a number of countries already conduct examinations using electronic means.

2. The area occupied by the Russian Federation is 17 098 246 km², with a significant part of it situated in the sparsely populated Asian part. The specified form of the examination is difficult to use in the Asian part of the Russian Federation because of the large distances that have to be travelled to examination centres.

[1] The present document is submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 (c) of the terms of reference of the Working Party, as contained in document ECE/TRANS/WP.15/190/Add.1, which provides a mandate to "develop and update the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)".

Proposal

3. Consider the possibility of introducing a distance form of examination for drivers carrying dangerous goods, using electronic means, provided reliable identification of the candidate's answers and result is assured. To confirm the right of the Russian Federation to resolve the issue of introducing a distance form of examination using electronic means and internet at the level of its own legislation.

4. In case it is decided that it is necessary to change the ADR, the Russian Federation is ready to prepare an amendment proposal.

Justification

5. Introduction of a distance form of the examination using electronic means and internet would significantly reduce the costs associated with sending drivers to examination centres. Provided accurate identification of the candidate and compliance with ADR as set out in 8.2.2.7, no negative consequences associated with a decreased level of safety in the transport of dangerous goods is expected.